

10. A painted article according to claim 9, wherein the film has a thickness of at least 120  $\mu\text{m}$ .

### REMARKS

In addition to the changes shown above, the first sentence of the Abstract has been reworded slightly, and several spelling and punctuation corrections have been made in the Substitute Specification. These changes have not been identified herein but can be identified in detail if desired by the Examiner.

These amendments in the Substitute Specification are mainly editorial in nature and are made in the interest of conforming the specification and its terminology to US practice. The amendments are supported in the International Application and do not enlarge the scope of the claimed invention. The recited polycarboxylic acids are supported at, for example, page 7, line 11 of the International Application. The use of the phrases "preferably" and "more preferably" at various parts of the Substitute Specification conforms the disclosure to correspond to the invention recited at, for example, page 3, lines 9 - 23 and page 7, line 11 of the International Application.

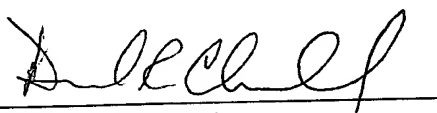
The claims have been reworded to conform them to US practice, remove multiple dependency and to add dependent claims to a process for painting and to painted articles. The claims in the Substitute Specification are fully supported in the International Application.

Favorable examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

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